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the old family homestead, near Carpenter's mill, north of the city, the farm on which her father was born and reared. Mrs. George N. Council, the third daughter, resides at Batavia, Illinois. They were all present at the reunion.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Civil War. By William Warren Sweet, Ph.D., Professor of History, De Pauw University. (Cincinnati: Methodist Book Concern Press, (1912). 225 p. \$1.00 net.)

For some time attention has been called to American church history as a promising field for investigators. This volume, which was completed in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the doctor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania, well illustrates the prominence of a single denomination in a critical period of our history.

Nine chapters serve to emphasize the influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church as an aid to the national cause during the Civil War. Headings, such as "The Church on the Border," "The Church in the Central and Northwestern States," "The War Bishops," and "Methodist Co-operation with Inter-denominational Organizations," state accurately the chapter contents. The author has used most faithfully the extensive bibliography cited in chapter nine. A topic of so much importance as the influence of the church in the cleavage between Eastern and Western Virginia (pp. 54-55) might well have been expanded.

Professor Sweet has done a piece of work that was worth the doing and it is gratifying to know that other theses are now in preparation which will present in some such form the influence of other denominations on this period of our history.

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